

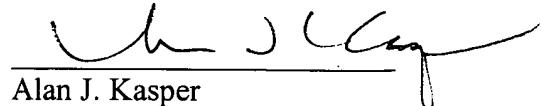
REMARKS

Claims 1-39 are pending in the application. Claims 1-14 and 18 are allowed. Claim 39, which is objected to but would be allowable if written in independent form, has been amended in order to incorporate the limitations of parent claim 38. Applicant has cancelled claims 15-17 and 19-38 in order to secure the immediate allowance of the present application but without prejudice or disclaimer as to the filing and continued prosecution of the cancelled claims in a continuation application.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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